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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Our Ref: 1038-844 MIS:ja

In re patent application

No.

09/210,995

Applicant:

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Title:

MULTI-COMPONENT VACCINE COMPRISING AT
LEAST TWO ANTIGENS FROM HAEMOPHILUS
INFLUENZAE TO PROTECT AGAINST DISEASE



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**PETITION TO REVIVE AN UNINTENTIONALLY
ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137 (b)**

BY COURIER

The Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks,
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Washington, D.C. 20231,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

Petition is hereby made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive this application to pending status pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

This application has been deemed abandoned apparently for failure to timely file a response to the Office Action of June 7, 2000. The Examiner noted in the communication of November 16, 2000, that a "proposed response" was received on October 16, 2000, but it does not constitute a proper response to the final rejection. The "proposed response" comprises an Amendment After Final Action and Appeal Brief submitted pursuant to applicants' Appeal from the Final Rejection dated June 7, 2000.

The Office Communication of June 7, 2000 is an Advisory Action with respect to Applicant's Request for Reconsideration received in the PTO on April 14,

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2000. On the same day as forwarding the Request for Reconsideration by courier to the PTO, a Notice of Appeal, along with a cheque for the Appeal fee, were also forwarded to the Office. Having regard to a telephone conversation with the Examiner in charge of this application, it would appear that these latter materials are missing from the file, and it is the apparent absence of a timely filed Notice of Appeal which has lead to the abandonment.

A review by the undersigned of our records reveals that the return postcard that accompanied the Notice of Appeal and Appeal fee has not been returned and the cheque for the Appeal fee has not been cashed. Our courier records show a single package to have been forwarded to the Office on April 13, 2000, which, presumably, contained both the Request for Reconsideration and Notice of Appeal. Having regard to the absence of this Notice of Appeal from the file and the absence of cashing of the cheque, it would be presumed that these documents were separated from the Request for Reconsideration in the PTO and have been mislaid.

Having regard to the above facts, the abandonment of this application is clearly unintentional. It is hereby stated, under the signature of the undersigned, that the entire delay in filing the required reply, i.e. the Notice of Appeal, from the due date for the reply until the filing of this Petition was unintentional.

In support of this Petition, submitted herewith are:

1. Notice of Appeal.
2. Cheque in the amount of the Petition Fee and Appeal Fee.

Having regard to the above, it is submitted that the Petition should be granted pursuant to 37 1.137(b) and the application returned to pending status.

Respectfully submitted,



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